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Charged With Homosexual Conduct

Men Fight Air Force, Navy Discharge Tries

A Bay Area Navy petty officer and a southern California Air Force tech sergeant are both fighting efforts by the military to discharge them for alleged homosexuality.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, Petty Officer 2nd Class William Kerr faced a discharge hearing April 5. The discharge process was apparently begun after Kerr asked a Navy doctor to test his blood for AIDS.

A federal judge in Los Angeles issued a temporary restraining order March 28 against March Air Force Base to stop the discharge of Tech. Sgt. Alfred Daniels, The Associated Press reported. Base officials had planned to discharge Daniels the same day his lawyers obtained the order prohibiting the action.

Kerr, who enlisted in the Navy in 1977, is an operating room technician at the Naval Regional Medical Center in Oakland. He said he asked his naval physician to test him for AIDS in February because he was worried that he might have contracted AIDS in the operating room where he works.

"This is a disease spread in the blood," he said, "and it's not unusual to be stabbed by a needle or a scalpel at work."

The Navy doctor's report says Kerr told him he was gay and had been in a relationship with another man for two years.

Kerr claims the doctor accused him of being gay and unsuccessfully tried to get him to acknowledge that. He said also that the physician told him he probably wasn't physically ill but was suffering from psychosomatic symptoms resulting from his alleged homosexuality.

Navy records show that the doctor sent Kerr to both a psychiatrist and an internist, saying that he suffered from "homosexuality with associated personality disorders."

The internist found that Kerr had hepatitis, and he was sent home for three weeks to recuperate. On his return early in March, Kerr said, he was shown a report by the first doctor and told he was being discharged on the grounds of homosexuality.

Lt. Cornelius Perry, Kerr's Navy lawyer, said his record is "outstanding." An overall evaluation last year for his first term of enlistment ranked him 3.75 on a scale of 4.

Daniels, 32, is a composer and arranger with the 15th Air Force Band of the Golden West at March Air Force Base near Riverside.

His American Civil Liberties Union attorneys are challenging the constitutionality of Air Force regulations against homosexuality in the military. The defense contends the policies are a denial of due process, equal protection under the law, and the right to privacy.

The ACLU is asking U.S. District Judge David Kenyon to order the Air Force to remove from Daniels' file references to the homosexuality charges and to award him legal fees.

The attorney representing the Air Force says Air Force officials believe Daniels' appeal to a civilian court is inappropriate because he has not exhausted all of his Air Force appeals.

Another hearing April 7 will decide whether the temporary restraining order will be continued or dropped.

Daniels was charged last fall with "homosexual conduct" after the Air Force obtained letters he had written several years ago to his wife.

The defense contends that erroneous legal advice by an Air Force lawyer led Daniels to sign a statement "admitting to material" in the letters.

Daniels enlisted in 1971. He was characterized as an "asset to the Air Force" by 35 witnesses during a discharge hearing in January. However, a three-officer board that heard the testimony recommended his discharge.

The Air Force has refused to disclose details of the hearing, calling it a private, personnel matter.★

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Concert At The Crocker

Pianist Clifford Shockney will play works by Joplin, Albright, Beethoven, Chopin, and Ginastera in a solo recital at the Crocker Art Museum on Sunday, April 17, at 3 p.m. Formerly keyboard soloist with the El Paso Symphony, Shockney is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Music and frequently accompanies soprano Beverly Coyne in recitals. The Crocker Art Museum is at 216 O Street.

Doctor Says Interferon May Be Harmful Treatment For AIDS

Interferon may be implicated in AIDS and its use in treatment might worsen the disease, Dr. Jan T. Vilcek of the New York University Medical School told an American Cancer Society seminar for science writers March 20.

Dr. Vilcek's research in this area is of crucial importance since several centers already have tried to treat AIDS patients with interferon, which is produced by the body's immune system to fight viruses. It is also being tested against cancer and other maladies, and normally is not detectable in healthy people.

Vilcek told the seminar that AIDS seems in some ways similar to autoimmune diseases in which the immune system, which is supposed to fight invading organisms, goes awry and mistakenly attacks the body.

But according to Vilcek, a peculiar type of interferon is found in the blood of patients with an autoimmune disease called lupus. And he said the levels of interferon have been found to increase as the disease worsened.

Vilcek said his lab has found the same unusual form of interferon in 63 percent of gay male AIDS patients with Kaposi's sarcoma, 29 percent of patients with swollen lymph glands but no other symptoms, and 8 percent of healthy gay men. None was found in healthy heterosexual men used as controls.

He said it's not clear what causes the production of interferon, but that it might be produced, as it should, because of a virus infection. Most researchers think AIDS is caused by an unknown virus.

But Vilcek called this "unlikely, mainly because the interferon found in AIDS patients is different from the interferon produced during common virus infections."

He considers it more likely that "the production of interferon is linked to some autoimmune procees."★

OPINION

What If Our Worst Fears Were True?

Editor:

What if it is true? I mean, consider it for a moment. What if our very worst fears **were** true? That this is the end of the line. Not just for capitalism and the dictatorship of money but for entire segments of the population as well; whole globs of feeling, knowledge, and culture evaporating with the bodies? What if, in our lust for sucking cock, we have literally devoured the future generations?

Nah, no way. We gay men, in our erotic rebellion, cannot be blamed (nor praise, yet) for the decline of Western Civilization. If we are to be blamed for anything then it's got to be for being bad actors. Heterosexual tyranny and guilt have been our directors. We changed the players but kept an unworkable script. And we are still acting out this psychosexual drama that looks at life (and sex) in terms of profit, in terms of loss and gain.

Gay men should not be guilt-tripped for being sexual consumers. This is a consumer society. It seems to me that the correct behavior we all so earnestly hunt for must be a conscious articulation of our values. If we redefine ourselves (from straight to gay), then we must also redefine social policies, concepts, institutions, etc. to fit the reality of who we are or our passion will simply carve out a hollow freedom.

The fact is, romantic love, with its aim at social construction has failed us. Without this "love," these social constructs, our desires would simply flow freely. A freedom that threatens some people. It is certainly harder to make a buck off such basic needs as erotic friendship (the way some people exploit such basic needs as food and housing) when some of us defy categorization.

The truth is we have no choice but to be free. Damned if you do, twice damned if you don't, and self-destruction if you do nothing. Thus the existential doubt of gay men and lesbians that makes us bitter and critical of each other...we face a scary freedom which looms like a gaping hole in the fabric of all things. But if you don't use it, you lose it. Our social liberation is still so young and undeveloped.

Gay liberation originally erupted with the intention of freeing sexuality from the artificial definitions and categories forced upon all of us in order that we might all feel and express the "gayness" within ourselves; the prerequisite to emotional understanding and social justice. There is no "gay ethnicity." This so-called "gay lifestyle" is an elaborate deception even if it is constructed in self-defense. We are all unique individuals with sensual, affectionate qualities reserved for those who are special in our eyes.

In my case, it is high school guys. All my purer, caring energies leap to sparkling life in their presence. There are no illusions over the relationship between love and sex nor any need to create one. What we share are friendships of deep, self-realizing, and reciprocal pleasure; the reinvigorating, athletic wisdom of physical intimacy.

Gay sex is no mystery to me. It **is** me. These friendships, furthermore, being stronger and honestly clearer than romantic love, endure long after the sharing of sex subsides. And when you get down to it, we need all the friends we can get.

The point of all this is simple. The quality of life and health depends on some fundamental practices: honesty, freedom of choice, and education. We have no business preaching restraint anymore than we have a right to tell people **not** to vote. When we fail to recognize illusions (whether personal or political), we walk straight into pain, bitterness, disease, and all the other pitfalls of life...

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AS I SEE IT

Biting The Mind That Reads

By RICK RUMAN

Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself has said, "This just could be the year I win the Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes."?

Most of us want to have plenty of money—whatever our own personal definition of that may be. But, for most of us, our dreams and wishes are as close as we will ever come. Surprisingly, producers of goods also want us to have plenty of money to buy their products, as long as we get it from some *other* producer of goods. And now, it seems, some of the lesbian and gay press also want us to have plenty of money.

There was some talk at the recent Gay Press Association conference about the financial problems of gay and lesbian publications in the U.S. The topic of funding led some to suggest "Courting Upscale Gays" to bring in additional revenue.

To paraphrase the late Willie Sutton, some people would have lesbian and gay publications court upscale gays because they have the money. These same people, in order to more effectively solicit lucrative contracts from advertisers of expensive goods, would have the gay press present the gay and lesbian population to potential advertisers as a homogeneous group of consumers with large wads of discretionary income straining the seams of their Levi's 501 jeans. Ironically, most people now working in the gay press could not be classified as upscale.

Should the lesbian and gay press pursue the wealthier members of our community? Suppose that so-called "upscale" consumers in all of the U.S. represent 10 percent of the population. That is probably a rather high estimate, given the current state of the economy. Then, because we represent only a fraction of the population, gays and lesbians represent only a fraction of that 10 percent—and probably a very small fraction. (Let's not even address the question of what percentage of the total population and of the gay and lesbian population reads.)

Gays and lesbians, like other minorities, are more likely to be victims of discriminatory hiring and firing. And, if hired, we are often shunted into low-paying jobs (or even out into the street if our sexual preference is exposed). Ask yourself how many of your friends are working as waitresses or waiters, if they are working at all.

If there does exist some large heretofore-untapped pool of upscale gays, it seems unlikely that they are waiting only for the right ad in a gay publication to come charging into the marketplace, cash in hand. In some cases, upscale gays and lesbians have probably gotten upscale in the first place partly because they were able to successfully conceal their sexual preference. It hardly seems likely to me that they spend very much time reading gay publications no matter how much those publications cater to an upscale audience. There are already plenty of publications clamoring for the upscale market. And, wealthy gays and lesbians are more likely to identify with other wealthy people than with the majority of lesbians and gays in the working class.

Most gays and lesbians, like most people, are workers. Or, as we are referred to here in the U.S., "consumers," implying that our function is to consume goods (upscale goods whenever possible) supplied to us by benevolent corporations.

If the gay and lesbian press is to devote itself to courting the upscale members of our community, where does that leave the rest of us? It will mean less space for issues which concern the majority of gays and lesbians, issues which in many cases could be covered only in the gay press, in order to focus on the concerns and buying habits of a minority.

Now, no one but the most naive among us would deny that the lesbian and gay press must solicit advertising—it takes money to run newspapers and magazines, and lesbian and gay publications have their own workers who must be paid. But to ignore the many to curry favor with the few could be a fatal mistake.★

Associated Press Refuses To Ban Sexual Orientation Discrimination In Employment; Calls Union's Request Unusual

The Associated Press, the most widely distributed print and broadcast news service, is refusing to ban sexual preference discrimination in employment and has criticized its competitor for agreeing to equal opportunity hiring and promotion.

"The union is looking for simple protection at the AP, as it did at United Press International, against discrimination in the work place," said William Morrissey, president of the Wire Service Guild.

"For the AP to refuse to end discrimination was bad enough, but for the company then to go out and tell newspapers and radio stations that UPI was not a good company because it did not discriminate is absolutely absurd," Morrissey said. "This union has a long commitment to opposing any criteria other than job performance for evaluating employees. We have been in federal court with this company for nine years to end discrimination against women, blacks and Hispanic-surnamed people."

The AP rejected a clause banning discrimination based on sexual preference in the negotiations for a new contract which began Nov. 5.

In a memo distributed to AP broadcast executives and chiefs of bureau at the end of January, AP Vice President and Director of Newspaper Membership James W. Mangan compared the recently concluded UPI contract with AP's position, describing the UPI provisions as "unusual."

The only item Mangan put in quotes was the clause on "sexual preference or affectional orientation," leaving little doubt which clause he thought was "unusual."

Under the auspices of the National Gay Task Force, a group of five gay writers and activists asked for a meeting with AP President and General Manager Keith Fuller. Thomas F. Pendergast, vice president for personnel and labor relations, responded that "no useful purpose could be served by the meeting you have requested."

When the question of sexual preference was raised during negotiations, Pendergast said, "What about sexual preference? I suppose you're referring to homosexuality. We've had no homosexual problems."

The AP is the world's largest news service with 140 offices and 1,275 union-covered employees in the United States. About 85 percent of American daily newspapers and radio stations carry AP dispatches.

UPI adopted a sexual orientation nondiscrimination clause in 1980. The new UPI contract will include the clause in all versions.

The Guild encourages those concerned about the sexual preference clause—and about the way the AP portrays gays and lesbians in its news dispatches—to write to their local newspapers and radio stations with copies to Keith Fuller, President and General Manager, The Associated Press, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020 ★

RIP-OFFS & ROSES
Getting The Lowdown On Tanning Up

Spring is on us, summer's coming, and for most of us, that brings visions of sitting on hot beaches, luxuriously soaking up the rays. Everyone wants to look as good as possible, and that means a tan. For a long time now, Americans have associated a healthy, golden glow with beauty and sexiness, but is it really such a good idea? There's some lowdown on tanning up that may change your mind.

There are several methods of becoming a bronze god or goddess. First, of course, is nature's own way—broiling away under a hot sun until you achieve the right degree of "doneness." Then, there are the tanning salons which allow you to do it indoors under special lights for that great "all over" look without having to worry about the weather. Failing both of those, you can take "tanning tablets," which give you the look without the effort, or easiest and cheapest of all, you can simply dye your body with preparations that give instant color.

Whichever method you choose has its particular drawbacks and advantages. More important though, each presents a different set of potential medical and esthetic hazards that you should know about.

Natural beach tans and tanning under lights are similar in most respects. For gay people they present a similar quandary too. Go in for it heavily this year, and you'll look great. But what happens a few years down the road? There's incontrovertible evidence that tanning speeds the aging of the skin. You can prove this yourself by simply noting how dry your skin feels after a day on the beach or in the tanning parlor. Moisture is the simple ingredient that keeps skin supple and smooth; repeated drying causes it to lose its elasticity. When skin can't spring back, it sags and wrinkles.

That's one of the reasons the Marlboro man looks the way he does. (Smoking is another factor that can add wrinkles.) People who stay out of the sun a lot have "weathered" skin, and if you want to look like a leather sculpture of yourself in a few years, just keep on with heavy sunning at every opportunity.

But constant exposure to sun has more important effects than that. Cells reproduce themselves with less accuracy as people grow older; that's one of the reasons jowls appear and wrinkles show. Sunning seems to speed this disintegration of cellular reproduction, giving first the appearance of age, but then involving more serious consequences. Skin cancer is far more prevalent among sunworshipers than the public at large. Apparently, those rays cause cell mutations that can be quite dangerous.

But in the gay community, there's even a more important side effect. Tanning seems to interfere with normal immune processes, too, and in this age of worry about AIDS, anything that touches on the immune system should be carefully scrutinized.

Esthetically, there's not much difference between real-sun tanning and salon tanning. About the only thing to consider is just how sexy you think a tan line is; if you find the hidden secret of pale skin exciting, be sure you leave your suit on, of course.

Tanning pills are a different matter. They act much like the systemic garden products that feed and rid your plant of pests at the same time. Certain organic chemicals(such as carotene, a natural component of vitamin A found in carrots) pass through your digestive process unchanged and lodge in skin cells, lending them color. There has been little real research on the long-term effects of these pills, though they are apparently harmless.

However, that doesn't mean that there aren't factors to consider. The main one is whether you feel comfortable about putting untested substances of any kind in your body. Many of us are uneasy about that. Another is that although you may appear tan, your skin does not get the natural protection from tanning pills that it builds for itself with natural or salon tanning. Yet another is that depending on your normal skin tone, you may wind up a sickly yellow rather than a healthy brown; go easy if your complexion is on the sallow side.

There may even be a beneficial effect from these pills, however. Recent studies continue on the anti-cancer effects of carotene. Unintentionally, many pill-poppers may actually be helping their immune systems, but so far such results are sheer medical speculation.

Tanning lotions that give instant color are low on the list. They don't look natural, and most fair people wind up looking as if they should have "Sunkist" stamped on their navels after using them. They afford no skin protection, and they tend to erode under normal washing, leaving the user patchy and blotched unless he or she continues with the treatment.

You won't be ripped off with any of these products or processes, as long as you know what you're getting in to. Read directions and cautions on any labels: they have to be there by Federal law.

If you're determined to get a tan, take it easy. That's old advice, but essential. Sun-tan lotions are now labelled according to the amount of protection from the sun's rays they afford. If you're fair-skinned, be particularly careful. You'll be far more easily burned, and usually far more prone to skin cancer and aging.

Don't be fooled into thinking that using no lotion at all is a good idea. Not all the rays from the sun are tanning rays. Buy a lotion that screens out the harmful ones; that not only keeps you from burning, but may actually speed up the process of tanning by allowing you to go out more often since you'll avoid that initial sunburn.

Keep an eye on your skin, not only for the golden glow that you're seeking, but for any changes that occur in its texture. Use an emollient cream after you shower when you come home from beach or salon; that will help keep your skin in better shape. And, above all, note any small patches or spots that appear on your skin. Skin cancer is very common, and fortunately very easy to treat in its early stages.

This is not meant to be a scare story. All of us here intend to get some color ourselves during the happy season. But we feel that everyone should know what the dangers and cautions are on the subject. As one of our doctor friends says, "Don't be alarmed, be informed!"

Enjoy the sun—carefully—and we'll be looking for your beautiful bodies in the weeks to come ★

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C.Y.A. And Save Your Money

By BRADLEY SCRIMGEOUR

Putting together tax information is certainly not the way most of us enjoy spending our weekends. But, though preparing tax returns is indeed one of the least sensually pleasing experiences you'll ever have, the experience itself is of vital importance to you—it involves money, usually quite a good deal of money.

For most taxpayers, the first problem is deciding which form to use. If you are entitled to none of the more than 250 different credits or adjustments permitted by the IRS, or if your income is completely non-taxable, then you should file a short form—either the 1040A or the 1040EZ. Easy enough—mail it and forget it.

But sooner or later all taxpayers seem to find themselves in the ominous position of having a larger income and wanting to file a long form. This occurs for a cariety of reasons, ranging from a dramatic rise in income ($3,000 or more) to the acquisition of property or new income sources. The average taxpayer will look at the advantages of a long form just as soon as s/he sees a significant rise in tax liability and a substantial lack of information on saving some of that hard-earned eash.

If your income is in the $20,000 range, you stand in the regrettable position of losing 40 percent of the top part of your income to the federal and state governments in tax liabilities or payments. There must be a few of you who feel this is a fair contribution in return for the privileges of voting, social services, and paved highways. However, even more of you, while not objecting to partial contributions to keep congress and our judicial system solvent, would be pleased to see your tax liabilities reduced without endangering your rights as a citizen.

There are several legitimate and legal modes by which you may C.Y.A. and save your money, or at least some of it. If you earn $20,000 or less and own no property, you can still take advantage of several income adjustments and credits to tax liability. Look into the possibilities of some of these adjustments to your income: Moving Expenses, Unreimbursed Employee Business Expenses, Alimony Payments, Disability Exclusions, Keogh Plans, and IRA Arrangements.

You may also consider the following personal deductions: your standard zero bracket amount, which is already built into the tax table; excessively high medical expenses; tax payment deductions, both personal and sales-oriented; interest paid; charitable contributions; casualty and theft losses; and various miscellaneous deductions, such as having your office in your home, uniform expenses, and job-seeking expenses. The short form filer cannot take any steps to retrieve money paid out/deducted for taxes, but the person using the long form has at least a chance to legitimately claim a return of his/her money.

The taxpayer earning more than $20,000, while subjected to incrementally higher tax brackets, is more likely to be eligible for so-called tax shelters. Such a person is of course entitled to the same adjustments and deductions as the person making less than $20,000. Further, the above-average wage earner is more likely to own property that can in turn provide shelters for various amounts of income.

First, and most important, determine how much cash you need to live comfortably. Next, look at the excess amount and determine what you can do with it. For instance, you might contribute $2000 to an IRA (Individual Retirement Account).

If you are married, and both you and your spouse work and earn more than $2000, you can contribute up to $4000 to separate IRAs. In effect, such contributions allow you to defer away from the current year the tax liability on the amount you contribute.

If you own a personal residence of any kind, you are entitled to tax shelters in several different categories, such as Energy Saving Improvements, Property Taxes, and Mortgage Interest.

You might also consider investing some of your excess income in rental properties. Costs of upkeep, mortgage payments and interest, repair and casualty expenses, and improvement costs can all affect your personal tax liability, while providing you with a sound investment for money that would otherwise line Uncle Sam's pockets.

Many employers offer deferred compensation programs that allow an individual, through monthly or lump sum contributions, to defer substantial amonts of income from current tax liability and provide additional cash for retirement or emergency needs.

Another investment credit that can not only save you tax dollars but also provide logical investment opportunities and returns is the limited partnership. This is, in a nutshell, the formation of an association of individuals for the purpose of investment over a specified time.

Wouldn't it be fun to purchase a Tahoe condominium or a San Francisco flat, available for specified periods to each partner each year, while at the same time providing substantial tax savings and a long-term investment return? It is easily done and is becoming common among middle- to higher-income individuals. An average partnership can be set up for as little as $2500 per partner (with six partners) and annual "maintenance" payments of approximately $1000-2000 per year. The tax savings are immediate and the financial advantages tremendous.

These are but a few of the methods available to all taxpayers to defer tax liability and save money while providing sensible investment planning. As always, your tax consultant can offer you more information on appropriate procedures. Above all, you should not be afraid to take advantage of the available savings plans—the IRS only wants what is due it by regulations. Remember, the regulations are on your side and are there not only for you to follow, but also to use to your advantage when appropriate. Be creative. ★

Counties Now Must Report AIDS Cases To State Health Dept.

State of California health officials issued an order March 29 requiring county health officials to report each new case of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), according to an Associated Press report. The reports will allow the Department of Health Services to keep track of the disease in the state.

"Clearly one of the reasons for (requiring incidence reports) is to try to find out as much information as possible in order to find out what is behind it," said Dr. James Chin, chief of the infectious disease section of the state Department of Health Services.

From now on, physicians and hospitals must alert county officials to any new or suspected case of AIDS.

The federal Center of Disease Control in Atlanta says AIDS is reaching epidemic proportions since it surfaced less than three years ago. AIDS currently has a 40 percent mortality rate.

Chin said the state was getting scattered information from some of California's 58 counties, but not all health facilities were reporting cases out of concern for patient confidentiality.

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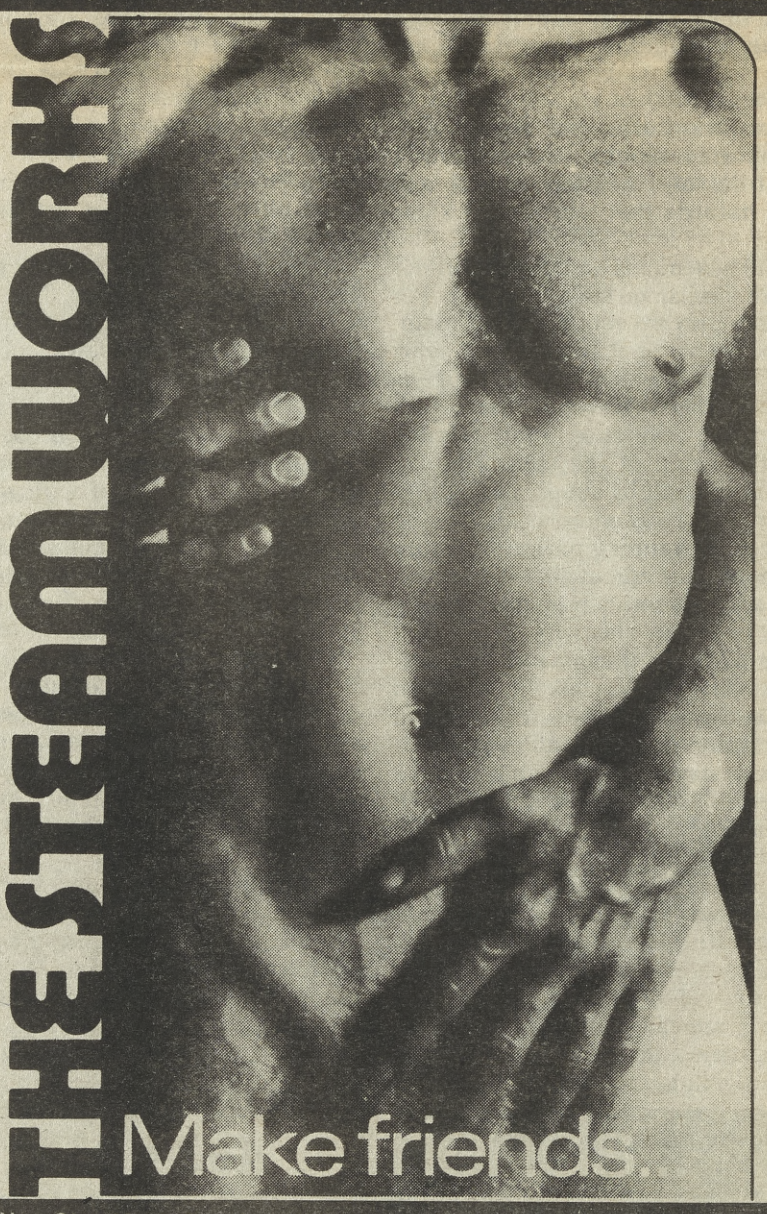

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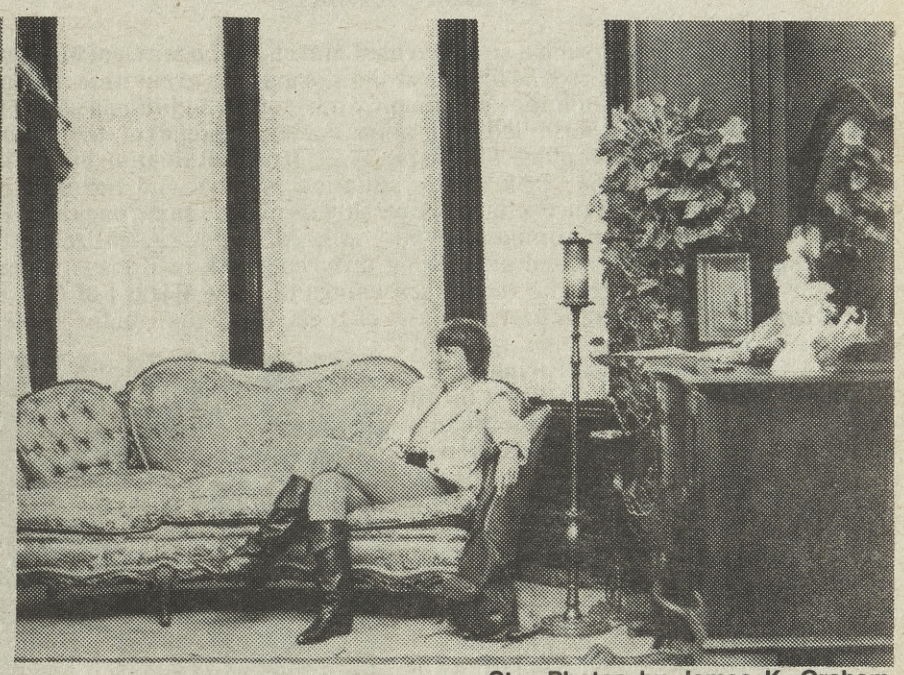

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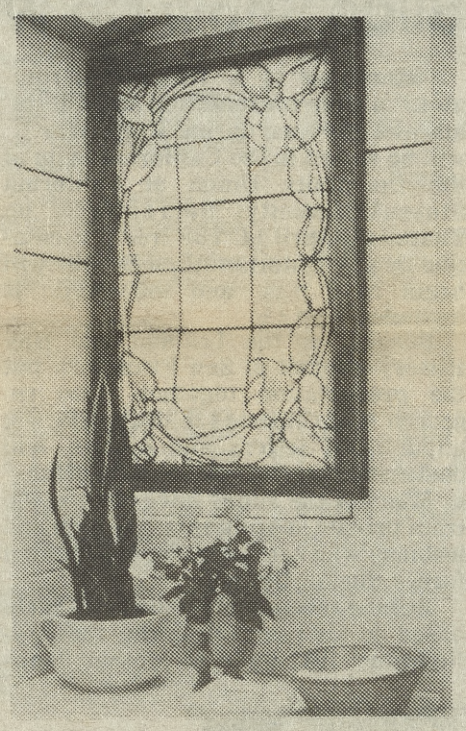
The front parlor sofa and the chair in the corner of a guest room (above and left) provide opportunities for relaxing and reading. The Inn's attention to comfort and beauty extends to the downstairs bathroom (lower left), adorned by a vase of roses and a stained glass window. The rooftop sundeck (below) offers a panoramic view of the entire city, as well as a chance to catch some rays with protection from chilly winds. Also on the rooftop is The Inn's extensive solar water heating system.



The rain was pouring down as we arrived in San Francisco and drove down South Van Ness Avenue. The warehouses and factories immediately south of Market Street gave way in a few blocks to a mixture of small businesses, modern apartment buildings, and large Victorian houses, some beautifully restored, some looking tired and worn.

Between 20th and 21st Streets, behind two graceful trees at the curb and bright flowers blooming around the tall steps, at 943 South Van Ness, stood an imposing and elegant Victorian mansion.

We managed to find a parking place, unloaded our luggage, ascended the steps, and rang the bell above the tasteful brass plaque identifying our destination: The Inn San Francisco.

Surprisingly, but entirely in keeping with the 19th century atmosphere, the door was answered by a man carrying a lighted candle, and the foyer and hall were lit only by candles. The man was Tony Kramedas, one of the owners and hosts of The Inn, and the candles, he explained as he welcomed us, were not just for effect: the storm had knocked out some of the house's circuits.

But candlelight is a beautiful way to see a Victorian: it reflects off the highly polished, intricately carved woodwork, shines back at you out of tall overmantel mirrors, and creates intriguing shadows in the corniced recesses of 14-foot ceilings. One of our party had a room on the third floor, so we climbed the staircase by candlelight, too. (I couldn't help recalling the scene in "Young Frankenstein" where Frau Blucher leads Dr. Frankenstein and Igor up the stairs.)

The electricity was on in the rooms, and was soon restored in the halls as well, giving us a clear view of the details we had only glimpsed in the candle's flicker. Although the upstairs rooms—originally the bedrooms—were not so grand as the parlors and original dining room on the first floor, they were commodious and charming, furnished with antique chests, bedsteads, chairs, and wardrobes. Antique prints and paintings decorated the walls, and fresh rosebuds in profusion accented not only the bedrooms, but the halls and bathrooms as well.

Two of us shared what had been the house's dining room on the first floor, a large room with an ornamental tiled fireplace surmounted by an elaborately carved, tiered, mirrored mantelpiece. In one corner was the dressing area, with a washstand and dressing table; in another, a reading nook with an overstuffed chair and ottoman, brass lamp, and magazine table. The bathroom, illuminated by a skylight above the tub-shower, was just across the hall.

At the back of the house is a lounge and TV room, with the common telephone, a city map, and menus from restaurants. The hot tub and jacuzzi, available to all guests 24 hours a day, are in the redwood-decked back porch, also topped with a skylight.

After a good night's sleep, with the usual sounds of the city seemingly less noticeable than in other places, further downtown, where we've stayed, we joined some of our fellow guests in the parlors for the complimentary buffet breakfast. Hot coffee, freshly-ground and brewed, accompanied fresh fruit and pastries, hard-boiled eggs, and just-squeezed orange juice.

We read the morning paper and savored the sun when it broke through the clouds and streamed obliquely through the tall windows. Chatting with our fellow guests, we found that one was a lawyer from Los Angeles, in town for business and pleasure, who had seen an ad for it in The Advocate. Others were a middle-aged married couple from Virginia on vacation in California, who had heard about The Inn from friends.

We also talked to Joel Daily, the other partner in The Inn, to find out its history and to learn something about the business of restoring a house and running an inn.

The house, which has 27 rooms (15 are rented to guests), was built in 1878 by San Francisco City Commissioner John English for his wife, seven children, and servants. The area was fairly far out in the country at the time, and he raised racehorses on the property. But the neighborhood developed fast, and by the early 90's English moved further south on the peninsula.

His mansion was converted into a rooming house-hotel—each room was a tiny, self-contained apartment—and remained that way until the 1970's. In the mid-70's, Kramedas and Daily, who had moved to The City from Connecticut a few years earlier and had been working in Victorian restoration, bought the house. They stopped renting rooms as tenants moved out, and began restoration work, which included removing the 1930's stucco facade and recreating the elaborate Victorian millwork porch, window frames, and cornices.

They refurbished the interior with fixtures and furniture acquired in garage and estate sales and from Victorian specialists. In May of 1980, The Inn reopened as a bed-and-breakfast hotel, and soon was doing excellent business. At first, they advertised primarily in gay publications, such as The Advocate; now, in an effort to attract a more varied clientele, they advertise also in airline guides, major newspapers such as the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Christian Science Monitor, and Sunset magazine.

According to Daily, about 60 percent of The Inn's guests are repeat customers or have been referred by word of mouth. Its location is attractive, away from the hubbub of downtown, yet convenient to the Galleria and the trade marts, just a few blocks from the burgeoning "Women's District" along Valencia Street, and an easy drive to the Castro, downtown, and other parts of The City.

The Inn's "comfortable, relaxed atmosphere," Daily said, gives guests "The perfect opportunity to experience the blend San Francisco is famous for."

The Inn, which has one full-time and one half-time employee in addition to Kramedas and Daily in the winter, and two of each in the summer, is small enough so that guests feel at home (you get a front-door key as well as your room key). At the same time, it is large enough so that you can have your privacy if you choose to keep to yourself.

Although being an innkeeper is a 24-hour-a-day job, Daily said, "I love doing it. More interesting people come to inns. They're looking for something different."

It certainly affords that—and is affordable, as well. Room prices-all doubles—start at $42 per night, including breakfast. One can hardly spend less at a decent hotel or motel, and The Inn ranks far above the level of decent. Staying there is like being a guest in the home of a wealthy city-dwelling relative in the late 19th century, but with all the conveniences of modern life.

For information or reservations, write The Inn San Francisco, 943 South Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94110, or call (415) 641-0188. *

ITEMS

Nukes, AIDS, And VD

By RICK VAN DYKE

Too bad there was such a small turnout March 26 to hear **Geof Morgan** sing at La Semilla. The 40 or so who did brave the storm had a great time. I wonder if part of the problem is an image people may have of **La Semilla** as some sort of far-out radical third world indoctrination center, instead of the plain and humble but comfortable place that it really is. If its political or ethnic image scares you, take another look at the situation of gays and lesbians in our society—the people and institutions oppressing us are the same ones oppressing third world people and women. Maybe you need to get radicalized a little.

Dorothy and **Toto** found everything different back in Kansas when they returned from Oz during the recent screenings of "**The Wizard of Oz**" at the **Showcase.** Thanks to an apparent mixup of reels at the distributor's, the final scenes of the movie were in Spanish!

Rick Van Dyke

A **Gay Games II Gathering** will be held Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. till noon in the Crystal Room of the Holiday Inn, 1500 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco. The gathering is being held to discuss the viability of holding Gay Games II in San Francisco in the summer of 1986.

Joan Ruddock, who chairs **Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament,** Britain's largest peace organization, will visit Sacramento on Saturday, April 9. **Nancy and Derek Casady** will host a $10-a-head reception honoring Ruddock from 5 to 7 p.m. at their home, 2019 21st Street. At 8 p.m. Ruddock will speak on "**Euromissles and First Strike Weapons**" at the Freeport Blvd. Christian Church, Freeport and 5th Ave. Admission is $3. Co-sponsoring her appearance are the **Sacramento Peace Center, Sacramento Religious Community for Peace, Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament,** and the local chapter of **Democratic Socialists of America.**

Rose Lester, PR director for the **Sacramento Blood Bank,** and other blood bank representatives have been invited to speak at the April 11 meeting of **River City Business Association.** It's at 8 p.m. at the **Incredible Edible.**

Thespians won't want to miss the Sacramento premiere of **Simon Gray's "Butley,"** whose "laugh-provoking lines underscore the devastating psychological drama of a man's destructively thorough attempts to alienate himself from career, marriage, and a long-standing relationship with a homosexual protege." The **Capitol Community Theatre of the Sacramento YWCA** is presenting "Butley" Fridays and Saturdays through April 30 at 8 p.m., with a Sunday matinee on April 17 at 2 p.m. For reservations call 447-5451, ext. 323.

The Sacramento chapter of the **Kaposi's Sarcoma/AIDS Foundation** opened its office at 2115 J Street, Suite 3, on Friday, April 1. The Foundation is coordinating fundraising, education, counselling, and patient services. Their new phone number is **448-AIDS.**

Womankind Health Clinic and **PMS Network** will sponsor an all-day workshop on Pre-Menstrual Syndrome (PMS), Saturday, April 23, from 8:30 till 4 at Sacramento City College Cafeteria. The founders of PMS Network, **Gail Lesh** and **Dr. Lesley Schroeder,** will facilitate the event. It will feature talks by authorities and workshops on a variety of topics. The cost is $25 till April 15, and $35 after that. Call Womankind at 452-KIND or PMS Network at 969-8237.

Counselor **Valerie Winn** and psychiatrist **Will Green** will facilitate the regular monthly rap session sponsored by **Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays,** Tuesday, April 19, at 7:15 p.m. in the Geneva Room of Fremont Presbyterian Church, at the corner of H Street and Carlson Drive.

Holistic massage by **Forrest Reed** is the newest service offered at **Hair We Are,** 2612 J St. Forrest is a bodywork practitioner certified through the **Sacramento Holistic Health Institute.** "Following a full session," he says, "which lasts one hour and costs $30, you will feel relaxed, refreshed, and have a lot more energy." You can call 442-6007 for an appointment.

SMUD Ball III, a fundraiser for **Ed Smeloff,** unsuccessful candidate for SMUD Board last fall, will feature music by **Space Debris,** comedy by **Greg Diricco,** and no-host beer, wine, and munchies. **Paul Gallender** will emcee the event, set for Saturday, April 16, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at La Semilla. Tickets are $5.

The State Legislature has proclaimed April "**Venereal Disease Awareness Month.**" **Senator Diane Watson** and **Assemblymember Teresa Hughes** sponsored the resolution. For information about VD detection and treatment, call the American Social Health Association's toll-free hotline, (800) 982-5883.

Get a $25 hairstyle for $10 on April 23 at **In Touch With You,** 2720 Capitol Ave. **Bob Hall,** the owner, says proceeds will go to the **American Cancer Society** and the **K.S. Foundation** for the May 7 Public Forum on AIDS at the Capitol.

Options Institute is offering "**Gay Male Sexuality and Sex Counseling Techniques,**" 15 hours of professional training with **Jack Morin, Ph.D.,** April 29-May 1 in San Francisco. Call (415) 664-1636 for information and brochure.

Former Sacramentan **Kevin Casey** is the Project Director for a statewide survey of lesbian and gay students, staff, and faculty at the University of California. The survey, sponsored by the **University of California Lesbian and Gay Intercampus Network** (UCLGIN), is designed to help in efforts to change University policy regarding sexual orientation discrimination and protection.

Things were a mite tense for a minute a couple of weeks ago at the RCBA installation dinner. President **Norv Giles** was presenting the Community Achievement Award to the president of the **Valley Knights Motorcycle Club,** and Mom...Guess What! Editor **Frank Lawler, Jr.** got up to take a photo. It had already been made clear that the Knights wanted no photos taken, so a couple of them moved to restrain him. I don't know how the picture turned out, but the flash went off and everybody sat down. I'm told this isn't the first time MGW has shot people who didn't want to be—and that's not nice, is it?★

Lecture On SF Gay Catholic Task Force Report Slated For April 20 At UC Davis

Dr. Kevin Gordon will speak on "Homosexuality, Social Justice, and the Roman Catholic Church" on Wednesday, April 20, at 8 p.m. in M.U. II at U.C. Davis.

Dr. Gordon is the Chairperson of the Task Force on Gay/Lesbian Issues of the Commission on Social Justice of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco. The task force gained international attention recently when it released a controversial report that strongly criticized traditional Roman Catholic teachings on homosexuality.

The task force report, "Homosexuality and Social Justice," offered 54 proposals for church action, including the end of sexual-preference screening for parochial school jobs, admission of openly self-accepting homosexuals as candidates to be priests and nuns, and the encouragement of gay student groups at parochial schools. The report boldly citicizes the U.S. Catholic bishops, the Vatican and Pope John Paul II for inferior scholarship and says that traditional church views are "practically meaningless and pastorally useless."

The strong language of the report has angered some church officials in San Francisco, and on Jan. 19 the Archdiocesan Commission on Social Justice was formally asked to abolish the task force. That request was rejected by the commission in a 9-3 vote with one abstention.

The refusal of the commission to abolish the task force has by no means ended the controversy surrounding the recommendations of the report. Archbishop John Quinn recently stated that the report "contains much that is contrary and incompatible with the moral, ethical and doctrinal teaching of the church."

Dr. Gordon, a Roman Catholic theologian and a licensed psychotherapist, will discuss the proposals made in the report and potential strategies for implementing its recommendation throughout the church.

His lecture is sponsored by the Davis Gay Task Force, the Cal Aggie Christian Association, and the River City Metropolitan Community Church. There is no charge, and everyone is welcome. For more information, call the Davis Gay Task Force at 753-2090.★

Slide Show On WWII Gays April 14

"Marching to a Different Drummer," a slide presentation about lesbians and gay men during World War II, will be shown in the California Suite of the University Union at California State University, Sacramento, on Thursday, April 14. The free presentation by gay historian Allan Berube will begin at 8 p.m. and the public is invited.

Berube, of the Lesbian and Gay History Project in San Francisco, put the presentation together from research that consisted of oral histories, unpublished letters and diaries, and declassified government documents.

Many of the slides have been made from private snapshots of gay men and lesbians who served in the U.S. armed forces during the war.

Berube recently published an article based on his research in the January-February 1983 issue of Mother Jones magazine.

The slide presentation is sponsored by the Lambda Media Association and the Lesbian and Gay People's Union of CSUS. The Sacramento Star is co-sponsoring the event. Funding was provided by the Activities Finance Council of the Associated Students of CSUS.★

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 6

★ The STAR is published.

Thursday, April 7

★ Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 6-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

Friday, April 8

★ Lesbian/Gay People's Union "Open Door" Potluck. 7:30 p.m. 5500 Broadway. Call Paul, 446-1171, or Tim, 454-0106, for place and details.

★ "The Barber of Seville" by Rossini. Presented by Sacramento Opera Association. Tickets $7.50-$22. Community Center Theater. 8 p.m.

★ Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or 453-0791.

Saturday, April 9

★ Special strategy meeting for Gay "Olympic" Games II. Crystal Room of the Gateway Holiday Inn, 1500 Van Ness, San Francisco. 10 a.m.

★ SDA Kinship potluck. 455-8940 for info.

★ Reception for peace activist Joan Ruddock. $10. 2019 21st St. 5-7 p.m.

★ "Euromissles and First Strike Weapons." Lecture by Joan Ruddock, chair of Britain's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. $3. Sponsored by Sacramento Peace Center, Sac Religious Community for Peace, Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, Democratic Socialists of America. Freeport Blvd. Christian Church, Freeport at 5th Ave. 8 p.m.

★ New Yolano Novelty Orchestra. Music of the 20s-40s. Blue Mango, 330 G St., Davis. 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 10

★ Kick-off Brunch for "Women Go Wild" week honoring women performers. Blu Forman, classical guitar. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. DJ Titche, guitar & vocals. 9:30 p.m. Blue Mango, 330 G St., Davis.

★ Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Church, 2741 34th Street. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ "The Barber of Seville" by Rossini. Presented by Sacramento Opera Association. Tickets $7.50-$22. Community Center Theater. 2 p.m.

★ Dignity Mass/meeting. St. Francis Church. 3 p.m. 739-8353 for info.

★ Mixed Bowling League. Brunswick Land Park Bowl, Freeport Blvd. Call Duane, 428-6938, for information.

★ Womyn's Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

★ Novelist Ann Bannon. La Semilla Cultural Center, 312 20th Street. 7 p.m. Call Betty, 441-1330 or 444-0902 for info.

Monday, April 11

★ River City Business Association General Meeting. Speakers from Blood Bank. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.

★ Beginners' Square Dance class. Sponsored by River City Squares. The Parking Lot, 2804 Auburn Blvd. 7-9 p.m.

★ Women-Only Support Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Riviera Room, Food Services Bldg., CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Renee, 456-5932, or Chris, 457-1372, for more information.

★ Reception for Women's Awareness Week. Blue Mango, 330 G St., Davis. 8-9 p.m. Music 9-10 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12

★ Feminist Spirit Study Group. The works of lesbian feminist theologian Mary Daly. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. Contact Betty, 453-0791.

★ Capital City Squares. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

★ Beth Valentine & Melinda Welsh, contemporary folk music. Blue Mango. 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13

★ Deadline for The STAR.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.

★ Susan Woollomes, "finger-pickin' junk." Blue Mango. 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 14

★ Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 6-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

★ "Marching to a Different Drummer." A slide presentation by Allan Berube about gays and lesbians in WWII. California Suite, CSUS University Union. 8p.m. Call Paul, 446-1171, or Tim, 454-0106, for more information.

★ Ty Chanson, women's music. Blue Mango. 9:30 p.m.

Friday, April 15

★ Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or453-0791.

★ Robbie Fuller, country folk. Blue Mango. 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 16

★ Brunch concluding "Women Go Wild" week. With Julie & Sam, trumpet & accordion. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Women's music by Heart & Sole, 9:30 p.m. Blue Mango, 330 G St., Davis.

★ GNIE Coronation '83. Turn Verein Hall. 8 p.m.

★ SMUD Ball III. Music by Space Debris, comedy by Greg Diricco. No-host beer, wine, munchies. $5. Sponsored by Friends of Ed Smeloff and C.E.D. La Semilla, 312 20th St. 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Sunday, April 17

★ Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Church, 2741 34th Street. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ Mixed Bowling League. Brunswick Land Park Bowl, Freeport Blvd. Call Duane, 428-6938, for information.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective men only potluck. 6 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.

★ Womyn's Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

Monday, April 18

★ Beginners' Square Dance class. Sponsored by River City Squares. The Parking Lot, 2804 Auburn Blvd. 7-9 p.m.

★ Open Door Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Paul, 446-1171, or Tim, 454-0106, for more information.

★ "A Dream of the World in Peace," slide presentation comparing dreams of children around the world. Blue Mango, 330 G St., Davis. 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19

★ Advocates for Lesbian & Gay State Employees. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.

★ Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Rap Session. Geneva Room, Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Drive. 7:15 p.m.

★ Capital City Squares. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

★ Feminist Spirit Study Group. The works of lesbian feminist theologian Mary Daly. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. Contact Betty, 453-0791.

★ Sacramento Gay Youth organization. Call Victor, 391-1362, for information.

Wednesday, April 20

★ The STAR is published.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 441-1959 for information.

Thursday, April 21

★ Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 6-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

★ Women-Only Support Rap Group, sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Riviera Room, Food Services Bldg., CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Renee, 456-5932, or Chris, 457-1372, for more information.

★ "Gay Marketing and Gay Politics." Presentation by former White House staff member Jim Mayer. Anthropology 108, CSUS. 8 p.m. Call Paul, 446-1171, or Tim, 454-0106, for information.

Friday, April 22

★ CSUS Lesbian & Gay People's Union "Open Door" Potluck. 7:30 p.m. Call Paul, 446-1171, or Tim, 454-0106, for info.

★ Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or453-0791.

Saturday, April 23

★ Worship Service. Young people's rap & social hour afterwards. River City Metropolitan Church, 2741 34th Street. 454-4762. 11 a.m.

★ Pre-Menstrual Syndrome Workshop. Sponsored by Womankind Health Clinic and PMS Network. $25 before April 15; $35 after. Sacramento City College Cafeteria. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. 452-KIND or 969-8237.

★ "Style for Life" benefit for KS Foundation and American Cancer Society AIDS Forum. In Touch With You hair design, 2720 Capitol Ave. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. 448-7819.

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Researchers Claim To Have Cure For Menstrual Cramps: Drug Will Inhibit Prostaglandin Production; But There Are Drawbacks And Side Effects

A study by Cornell University Medical Center in New York City says there's a cure for severe menstrual cramps: drugs that inhibit prostaglandin production, The Associated Press reported March 30.

Not much is known about prostaglandins, body chemicals that seem to participate in a wide variety of human functions. Studies have shown that almost every body tissue produces the short-lived, hormone-like substances.

The study led by Dr. Fritz Fuchs showed a definite link between the level of prostaglandins produced during the menstrual cycle and the severity of menstrual cramps.

The researchers, studying a group of women who worked in or near the college, also found that a synthetic anti-prostaglandin drug called Anaprox both reduced the amount of prostaglandins and subdued the menstrual pain.

using different techniques "have found that the endometrium (lining of the uterus) produces two prostaglandins that we call the natural prostaglandins."

When they found that prostaglandins were formed in the uterus, the researchers postulated that "if you could inhibit the growth of those prostaglandins, you could relieve the pain" of menstrual cramps.

Fifty percent of women suffer from severe cramps "at one time or another, and about 10 percent have it to the point where they are incapacitated," Fuchs said.

He said that the drawbacks to Anaprox are that it doesn't significantly reduce the pain for women who suffer only mild cramps and that it can cause some mild side effects to the stomach. He didn't explain the side effects. ★

Mayer Will Talk On Gay Marketing, Politics April 21 At CSUS

Former White House staff member Jim Mayer will speak on "Gay Marketing and Gay Politics" at California State University, Sacramento, on Thursday, April 21. Mayer's presentation is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Anthropology 108.

Mayer served for three years as the personal aide to President Carter's domestic policy adviser Steve Eizenstadt before coming out as an openly-gay man. He now is vice-president of Avanti Communications, a national advertising and marketing firm that specializes in the gay market.

Avanti Communications recently completed a national demographic and market study on the gay market.

Mayer will answer questions from the audience as part of his presentation, which is free and open to the public.

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